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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David S. Dime *et al.*

Application No.: 09/367,794

Filed: August 19, 1999

For: SITE-SPECIFIC DRUG
DELIVERY

Examiner: Not assigned yet

Art Unit: 1614

STATUS REQUEST LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Notification of Missing Requirements was the last communication received from the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-referenced patent application, which was dated December 8, 1999.

To date, Applicant's attorney has not received an Office Action or Notice of Allowance from the Patent Office. Please advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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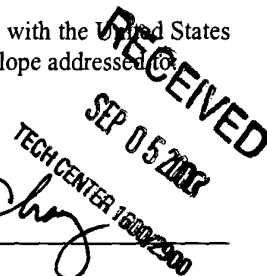
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
☒ Enclosed is a **Status Request Letter**.

If any extension of time is needed, then this response should be considered a petition therefor.

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☒ Claims fee

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